BROOKLYN SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF AGED AND INDIGENT FEMALES.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of this Society was beid yesterday at the Graham Institute, corner of De Kalb and Washington avenues. The exercises were commenced with the reading of a selection from the Scriptures by the Rev. A. ELMENDORY of the Reformed Dutch Church, who also offered up a fervent prayer in behalf of the Society.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were then

read by the Rev. A. P. Vax Greson, also of the Dutch Meformed Clarch. The former report set forth that many domestic acrangements and changes have been cade during the past year, calculated to be of great n ivantage to the Society, at the same time afford adtional comfort to the inmates. The introduction of ditional countert to the immates. The introduction of greek at the expense of a liberal citizen of Brooklyn, was especially alluded to, inasmuch as it had proved a most invaluable gift, both as regards comfort and commany. Great credit and the tranks of the Board of Managers were accorded to Mrs. Caroline Wright, Matron of the establishment, for the perfect system, order and mentness which were found to pervade all telepost within here care.

order and neatness which were found to pervase an things within her care.

The Institution new contains 46 inmates, 9 of whom were admitted during the past year; 7 as beneficiers, and two as boarders. During the year two deaths occurred, viz: Miss Hardenburg died June 21, 1857, at the advanced age of 76 years, and Mrs. Jane Scott July 24, 1857, aged 56 years. Mrs. Scott was a member of the Episcopal Church and died in its faith, while Miss Hardenburg was a member of the Baptist Church, is represented to have been of feeble constitution and infirm health for a long time, and her mind scenned shuttered and disquieted by the debility of decaying nature.

of decaying nature.

But lew of the inmates are now suffering, and But few of the immates are now suitering, and those from causes incident to advancing age. Efforts are making to secure the lots adjoining the Institution with a view to protect it from the erec-tion of undesirable buildings and unpleasant associa

This Institution was particularly designed for, and This lactuation was particularly designed left, and times of Christians who might have been blighted in fortune or neglected by friends—therefore the rules of the Society demand and enforce the selection of minthe Secrety demand and contents the secrety demand and contents is server for the chapel services, from all denominations represented by the managers of the Home. Thus each immate can have free intercourse at any time with the clergy of her particular faith, and no visitors are more welcome within its walls than those messengers of peace and good will, holding whatever creed

r belief they may. As a mistaken idea prevails to a certain extent as to As a instance rice prevails to a certain extent as to the particular class of females to be admitted to the benefits of the Institution, the Managers take occasion in the report to state that "some persons have delined "their and upon the ground that females having filled meria stations through life, or serving-women, have menia stations through life, or serving-women, have been denied its privileges—when the very title of the Society, under which is held its corporate rights, particularly designates or points out the class to be admitted—Brooklyn Society, for the Relief of Re-\*speciable Aged and Indigent Females." True, ge number of servants in our midst may be entitled large number of servants in our midst may be entitled to the designation of respectable, in their station in sile; but for such as have never been accustomed to the refinements of educated and social position, there are abundant asylums afforded by our public authorities, where their needs are cared for in consonance with their habits of life; therefore, this Institution, immortalizing as it does its generous founder, the late dohn Graham, carries out, so far as may be, his inten-tions of providing for a class hitherto uncared for by public or private charities—he having ever said to the Managers, in his communings with them: "Ladies, I "request that you will select from the parlor, and not "from the kitchen, your immates for this Home, for "the latter class are already cared for by our pub-lic funds." Thus, without for one moment disre-garding the claims of the serving-woman upon his charity, the Graham Home was not designed for their heacht. The receipts of the past year have been alarmingly

The receipts of the past year have been alarmingly small in comparison with the past donations and subscriptions; but the managers see in this no falling off with regard to sympathy or interest, in times so strikingly marked by financial difficulties.

According to the Treasurer's Report, there was in the treasury at the 1st annual report, a balance of \$2,428 80, which together with an appropriation from the State, of \$1,500, and cash received by proceeds of a chavity concert, various donations, admission fees, annual subscriptions, a legacy, &c., amounted to \$3,600 05. The current expenses during the past year have been \$4,491 36, and \$3,000 have been placed at interest as a permanent fund, leaving a balance now

48,683 05. The current expenses during the past year have been \$4,491 36, and \$3,000 have been placed at interest as a permanent fund, leaving a balance now in the Treasury of \$501 69.

The election of managers and officers for the ensuing year was then held, with the following result:

First Directers—Mrs. J. S. T. Stranshan; Necond Directers—Mrs. Hosea Webster; Recording Secretary—Mrs. Longe N. Cornell; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Longe N. Cornell; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Longe N. Stranshan, Mrs. Hosea Webster, Mrs. J. R. St. John, Mrs. D. M. Stone; Mrs. Looph Howard, Mrs. Alonson Track, Mrs. Eli Merrill, Mrs. Lowell Halbrook, Mrs. J. D. Hurlbut, Ers. David Johnson, Mrs. Lowell Halbrook, Mrs. J. D. Hurlbut, Ers. David Johnson, Mrs. Lowell Halbrook, Mrs. J. D. Hurlbut, Ers. David Johnson, Mrs. Lowell Halbrook, Mrs. J. F. Herriman, Mrs. Alex, M. White, Mrs. Wm. J. D. Stack, Mrs. Jeremiah Tapen, Mrs. Sandt E. Austin, Mrs. William Kent, Mrs. John Sandt E. Austin, Mrs. William Kent, Mrs. John Bower, Mrs. John Burrows, Mrs. Theodore Polhemus, Mrs. Wun. C. Lowell, Mrs. Wun. J. D. Sparkman, Mrs. Nathan Berchard, Mrs. William Kent, Mrs. John Bower, Mrs. John Badington, Mrs. B. T. Lannan, Mrs. Daulel A. Ajtre and Miss Elizabeth Hubbard.

Addresses were then delivered by the Rev. Dr. Fallett, (Unitarian,) and the Rev. A. P. Van Gieson; after which the exercises were closed with a benealie-zion by the Rev. Dr. Farley.

THE SUPPOSED MURDER OF A COL-

ORED MAN. MYSTERY SOLVED.

THE FATAL BLOW GIVEN IN SELF-DEFENSE.

The mystery which surrounded the death of Jam Roberts, the colored man who was found prostrate or the sidewalk in front of the Astor House, bleeding and suffering f a two stabs which he had received under the right arm, at the hands of some person then unknown, has been cleared up by the arrest of the perpetrater, Mr. M. L. Phillips, a reputed doctor, having an office at No. 25 Chambers street.

About 91 o'clock on Wednesday evening Office Bell of the Sixth Ward, while on duty, saw Mr. Phil-lips on the corner of Chambers street and City Hall place, evidently somewhat excited and wiping his face. The officer at the same time discovered blood on his hands, when the officer said, "hallo, doctor, have you been in a muss," to which Mr. Phillips replied "Yes, a little; when passing the corner of Aun and Massau streets I was attacked by two white men and a negre." At the same time he drew from a sheat concealed under his coat a large dirk knife, and said, but for that they would have killed me." Dr. Phillips did not say at that time that he had stabled any one, nor did the officer know at that time that Mr. Phillips had stabbed the deceased.

The doctor then passed along about his business and nothing more was thought of the occurrence till the following morning, when Officer Bell read in THE TRIBUNE of the death of Roberts by stabbing.

In a moment he suspected that the deceased had been stabled by Mr. Phillips, and forthwith proeceded to the office of the latter in Chambers street and after waiting there till 10 o'clock, the doctor cam up and was arrested. He betrayed considerable emotion on being taken into custody, and making a partial confession to the officer, said he stabled the man in self-defense, as he had been assaulted by the men. Mr. Phillips was then conducted to the Sixth Ward Station House, after which Officer Bell went to the office of Mr. Phillips, and arrested his clerk, Sinclair

Coroner Connery was notified, and yesterday afternoon repaired to the Third Ward Station House, No. 79 Warren street, and held an inquest on the body of the deceased. The following named gentlemen were in panneled to act as Jurors: John F. Seymour, Win, M. Stout, William Wallace, Edward Lotham, William C. Thompson, John B. Johnson, J. D. Wickham, P. Mc-Gann, John Campbell, Thomas Doubleday, Wm. B.

Freligh, H. M. Landly.

Thomas Bell, being duly sworn, deposes and says—I Thomas Bell, being duly sworn, deposes and says—I am a poince officer attached to the Sixth Precinct; last night about by Octow I was on duty on the corner of Chambers street and City Hall piace; the roundsman, Mr. Baily, rapped me; I went to see Mr. Baily, and the prisoner, Mr. Phillips, was with him; I say blood on the hands of Mr. Phillips, and said to him. What is the matter? have you been in a muss "; he replied, "You, a little"; he then said. "As I was going down Massan street, I may true white men and a nearo, and they would have killed me but for this kinfe," at the same time pulling a dirk kinfe from his pocket. "You did not use that kinfe" said I; he replied, "No, but when they saw the kinfe they ran across toward the Astor-House," and I cited stop this; I lost eight of them by the Astor-House," and the prisoner; when I saw the kinfe, I said. Doctor you must have used this kinfe, as there is blood on it." he replied, "But cally for that kinfe they would have killed me; has then saked me to wait up Chambers street with him, and he toof me to have an eye to his office, as he said they the did not say who; would attack it; I walked with him to his office, which he unlocked and walked in; I heard no more about it till this seconding, when I saw too marder of the negro in the expert, when I concluded that Phillips had stabbed the deceased; I then a near to Chambers street with him and he to Chambers street with him and he to the Chambers street and extend to he accased; I then a near to Chambers street and extend to he accased; I then a near to Chambers street and on the paper, when I concluded that Phillips had stabbed the deceased; I then a near the chambers street and extend the prisoner and look him.

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Thomas C. Finnell, M. D., being sworn, sayswe made a post mortem examination of the body of decrease. Third Ward Station-House; I found two increed woun or satiliary region; the first one was superficial, merely in a the skin; the other wound was half an inch in length vered the axillary artery, veins and plexus of nerves; the this wound was one inch and passed from below upward; opinion that decreased came to his death by hemorrhage exhibits plood-resease, the result of a stab in the arm pit.

brought before the Jury, in order that they might examine his person, to see if he bore any marks of vio-

It was found that he had received a blow under his nose, as he had stated to the officer.

The Coroner then delivered a brief charge to the Jury, who retired for a few minutes, and returned with

the following verdict:

"We the Jury, believe that James L. Roberts, the deceased, came to bis deaft at the hands of Morgan L. Phillips; that it was done in 'self-sidedenee, he previously having been attacked by a party of nen, one of whom was the deceased, and that we, the Jury, think him justifiable in se done."

After the verdict was rendered, Coroner Connery

announced that he believed it to be his duty to require Mr. Phillips to give bail in the sum of \$1,000 to insure his future appearance, should it be desirable by the authorities. Mr. Phillips procured a bondsman, and he was liberated from custody. The deceased was about 35 years of age, and a native of Philadelphia. He was a large, athletic man, and is said to have been a desperate character. He was well known to some of the police, and, if reports concerning him are true, he has been on Blackwell's Island once or more on conviction for crime. He was recently a witness in favor of two men charged with mutiny on board th brig Falmouth. He followed the sea for a living, but when on shore had no regular occupation. He left a wife, but has not lived with her for some time past. The following is the statement made by Mr. Phillips

during his sojourn in the Sixth Precinct Station-House vesterday forencon:

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STATEMENT OF THE PRISONER.

I left my office No. 251 Chambers street to go and get some refreshments; I walked around the Park until I came to Beckman street; about half way between Beckman and Ann in Nassau street—it was attacked by two or three men; one of them was a lad; he came up from behind me and said, "Phillips, what are you tearing down my bills for!" I replied, "I am not tearing down your bills;" says he, "You lie," at the same time he struck me; I turned around and saw he had others with him; I took out a knife in order to defend myself, and at the same time I retreated across the same time he struck me; I turned around and saw he had others with him; I took out a kolie in order to defend myself, and at the same time I retreated across to the opposite side of the street toward a light, in order to see my assailants; this colored man, who came toward me as I returned, said, "What is the matter? I have nothing to do with it;" he then struck me in the face; to defend myself I put out my knife toward him; I told him he had better leave me alone; after he struck me I put my knife against him to defend myself, and he made a spring toward me, at the same time striking me in the face, and his body was brought in contact with my knife; they sli three then ran toward Am street; I followed them up Ann street toward Broadway crying "Stop thief;" when I lost sight of them I gave up the chase and went back to my office in Chambers street, but did not go in; I then went down Chatham street, and from there to City Hall place, where I met Officer Bell and told him that I had had a difficulty with three men, and had used my dirk to defend myself; Officer Bell knowing me, thought nothing of it and let me go; I went home and slept in my own house last night, and was accested this morning on my way to my office. this morning on my way to my office.

## CITY ITEMS.

Yesterday was something more like Winter than any previous day this year; still it was by no means cold; the sky was overcast all day, and there was a dampness in the air indicative of snow; but after sunset it was perfectly clear, and the stars shone out with wintry lustre. When is the cold weather coming !

That lying clock was not lighted up last night; it was visibly 3:20 as long as daylight lasted, but welcome darkness shut out from sight the "slow, unmov ing finger." It appears that the clock, like everything lse in this "land of the free" is a partisan concern and goes or stays as the wirepullers dictate, just as half the independent voters do, and with just about as much regard for the consequences. The clock is afflicted by baleful demon, one Devlin; a municipal termenter, whose handiwork is visible everywhere-under the iron pavement, in the New-Bowery grade, over the tunnels, under the sewers, in the retaining-walls, on Fernando Wood's notes in the Bowery Bank, or Smith's notes also, at the bottom of affidavits swearing to a \$5,000 salary, in all the Courts as plaintiff against the City, on the Controller's books as debtor, in the Street-Commissioner's Office, anywhere, everywhere Devlin. Devlin, it seems, told somebody that he, the aid somebody, should be and in fact was Superintendent of Public Clocks; and somebody has got the key to the City-Hall Clock, and refuses to allow it to be wound up because Mayor Tiemann has wound up his salary. This may be all very nice, on the part of a bogus official; but a sound dressing at a whipping post or ten hours in the stocks would be a fitting pur shment for such a contemptible exhibition of malice. A hundred thousand people must be annoyed and dis-appointed for a week because a certain Benjamin Weich has been called Superintendent of Clocks by mother equally irresponsible man named Devlin; and because Devlin and his brood, after getting \$80,000 of the people's money without rendering an equivalent, have had their game blocked, why therefore the people shall not know the time of day. Beautiful Gov-

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. -- Mozart's "Don Giovanni" will be performed this evening, by the full strength of the company, and promises to be a brilliant success. -To-morrow afternoon, at 1 o'clock, Rossini sparkling "L'Italiana in Algeri" will be given, for the ast time, with d'Angri, Labocetta, Gassier and Rocce in the caste.

Dan Rice's "great show" will open at Niblo's on Monday next. The horse-fever is at its hight, and a ring with a clown in it seems to be a magic ring for drawing many and money.

TAXES .- The receipts at the Receiver's office for the

(H	cond week	n January are as follows:	
	January	8	17
	January	9	61
	January	11	23
	January	12 11 783	68
	January	13	50
	January	1437.163	30

On and after to-day all personal taxes unpaid will b placed in the hands of the Clerk of Arrears, who will pass them over to the Marshal for immediate collection. This accounts for the comparatively large re ceipts for the past two or three days. Henceforth the daily receipts will probably be very small.

THIRTEENTH WARD TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE, -AL regular meeting of the Thirteenth Ward Temperane Alliance, at No. 72 Norfolk street, on Wednesday

evening, the 13th inst, the following officers war elected for the ensuing year: President, Encas Elliot; Vice-President, William Floyd; Treasurer, John Burr; Secretary, Epes E. Ellery; Delegates to City Temper snce Alliance, Eneas Elliot, William Floyd, Epes E. Ellery, Dr. J. H. Snyder and John Burr.

MILITARY APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR. - John Fowler, jr., of New-Rochelle, to be Judge Advocate of the Second Division New-York State Militia, with the rank of Lieut, Colonel, from October 12, 1857.

AMERICAN BIRLE SOCIETY .- At a meeting of the Board of Managers of this Society, held at 4 o'clock p. m. yesterday, at the Bible-House, such action was taken and such views prevailed as leave no doubt that the entire work of the late revision will be abandoned. The session was numerously attended and lasted about

five hours. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Thomas Cock, D.D. Three different reports were submitted. Eight members of the Special Committee of Nine, previously appointed, united in recommending a virtual return to the edition in use previous to the adoption of the Revision. They accordingly presented the following resolutions as the basis of future

action:

Resolved, That this Society's present istandard. English Bible be referred to the Standing Committee on Versions for examination; and in all cases where the same differs, in the text of its accessories, from the Bibles previously published by the Society, the Committee are directed 1; correct the same by conforming it to the previous additions printed by the Society, or by the authorized British preses, reference also being had to the original edition of the translators printed in 1611, and to report such corrections to this Board, to the end that a new edition, thus perfected, may be adopted as the standard edition of this Society.

Resolved, That until the completion and adoption of such new standard edition, the English Bibles to be issued by this Society shall be such as conform to the editions of the Society, anterior to the late recibion, so far as may be practicable, and excepting cases where the persons or auxiliaries applying for Bibles shall perfer to be supplied from copies of the present standard edition now on hand or in process of manufacture.

The Rev. Dr. Storrs, Chairman of the Committee, presented a report advising adherence to the Revision, action:

presented a report advising adherence to the Revision and sustaining the action of the Revisory Committee on all points. Still further, the Rey. Dr. Boardman and James Lenox, esq., members of the Special Committee, presented a paper, which, while concurring mainly with the principal report, expressed their individual views on minor points-going even beyond the recommendations of the Committee.

Dr. Storrs's report was defended by the Rev. Dr. Vermilye and G. D. Phelps, esq., as well as by the Rev. Dr. Storrs himself. The principal report found supporters in the Rev. Drs. Boardman and Spring, and Norman White, H. Holden, and Marshall S. Bidwell, esqs., and others. After a very animated and protracted discussion, it was agreed that no present action should be taken on the reports and resolutions, and the Board accordingly adjourned to Thursday the 28th inst., when it is expected that the above or equivalent resolutions will be adopted.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD TRAFFIC .- In so mild a Winter, and with such quantities of produce at the West, it might be expected that the business of railroads leading in that direction would be proportionately large. But such is not the case. The passenger business of the Hudson River Railroad is good, but the freighting business is inconsiderable, although no boats, except the Hero, are running to Albany. Several reasons are assigned for so little freight offering. The Now-York merchants are doing but a triffing business and therefore cannot aid the railroad much. There is an abundance of grain and other produce at the West, but the owners hold on to it, waiting for higher prices And beside, much of what is forwarded goes by of New-Orleans, as the cost of transportation is less by that foute. Most of the freight on the Hudson River Railroad now consists of cattle.

THE ALLEGED DEFALCATION IN THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.—The investigation in regard to the official misconduct of J. B. Smith, late one of Mr. Flagg's clerks, is progressing as fast as possible. Thus far, there is no evidence to show that the Treasury will suffer to the extent of a dollar, and the Controller does not anticipate any. Mr. Smith's operations were of a different kind. For example, he would make out an assessment bond, and deliver to Mr. Devlin, one of the Street Commissioners, in payment for the full amount of work done on a street contract, whereas contractor are legally entitled to only 70 per cent on their work when done. In what manner Mr. Devlin may have reciprocated such favors is only known, probably, to those concerned. However, as a slight clue to the facts of the case, the records of the Bowery Bank show that Mr. Smith's note for \$5,000, indorsed by Mr. Devlin, was discounted by that bank and paid by the indorser. Under the most lenient view, Mr. Flagg thinks that his late clerk has abused his confidence having used his official position for corrupt purposes,

AN ENGLISH PILOT ON A BENDER .- The Adriatic, on her homeward trip, brought the English Pilot through to this port, having been unable to transfer him. He will return on Saturday in the Baltic, the Company having to pay all his expenses and second officers wages, with the right to pilot the ship into Liverpool and bring her out again. His brother Pilots of New-York have taken him in tow while sojourning here. They located him at the Pacific Hotel, and on New-Year's day put him behind ten horses to make "Bless my eyes!" says Jack, "if I was ever behind so many horses in my life!" They took him round to a great many places, and he was highly delighted with his adventures. He wanted to pay for his drinks, and he said it was not fair for one to pay for all. He will go back under the impression that this city is one vast bar-room on New-Year's Day, and he says that it will be a long day before he forgets the hospitality of New-York and her Pilots.

An eloquent writer on crinoline in the columns of The Courier and Enquirer, who signs his letter with the initials of Mr. George W. Blunt, gives some interesting particulars, scientific and poetical, concerning

this great subject. We will make an extract: this great subject. We will make an extract:

"If there is a subject which I understand, it is the comparative size of crinolines. Finding, from my daily experience, particularly in omnibuses, that the region of crinolines was expanding, I have devoted myself to a scientific investigation of them, and have ascertained, from careful measurements of different points, that the polar diameter of the female sex had the same ratio to the equatorial diameter here, as it had in London and Paris. How often has it occurred to me in the omnibuses that a lady would get in with had in London and Paris. How often has it occurred
to me in the emnibuses that a lady would get in with
an occur of crinoline surrounding her, and in setting
down I would be submerged in its silken waves. On
its subsidence I would slowly emerge, feeling that I
looked like Venus rising from the sea. This is the
cause of my accurate knowledge."

No doubt our fair readers will agree with us, that the

scientific portion of these observations conclusively demonstrates that the crinoline of this country is just as big and no bigger than that of the Old World; and if there is a man who does not envy the feelings of the writer, so he finds himselflost in that silken ses only to reappear radiant with beauty, in the character of Venus, we pity him.

DONATION .- The net proceeds of Wood's Gymnasium, \$211 50, have been presented to the Wilson Industrial School. The lady managers of that deserving institution make the following acknowledgement of this timely gift:

timely gift:

In acknowledging the receipt of this valuable and timely dona
tion, the nanagers of the "Wilson Industrial School" cannot re
frain from expressing their pleasure. Those who had an opportunity to witness the exhibitions at the Gymnasium, were aston
talest and delighted at the feats of agility and strength performe
by the young men, and they could not but feel that every motier
despite the weakness of her own nerves, must rejoice that such
facilities are afforded to prevent the physical degeneration of her
some.

It angurs well for the ameloristion of the woes of our race, w It argues well for the anciorration of the woes of our race, where the sympathics of young men are thus called forth foward suffer-ing childhood; and it is to be hoped, that all the gymnasts of ou-city, will become spiritually, as by their exercises, they are in an entiment decuree, physically qualified to become the sacrors of the children of the need).

FATAL RUN OVER CASUALTY .- On Tuesday last William McDonald, a man who resided at No. 160 Worth street, went to his work, he having been employed by a Mr. Rockwell in Broadway. Some time afterward Mr. McDonaid was attempting to cross West Broadway, near Duane street, when he was knocked down and run over by a grocer's or express wagon, and fatally injured. The occurrence was witnessed

by a man, who chased the vehicle for the purpose of by a man, who chased the vehicle for the purpose of baving the driver arrested, but the latter drove off furiously and was soon out of sight. The injured man-was removed to the New-York Hospital, and died there yesterday. Coroner Gamble was notified to hold an inquest, but was unable to conclude the in-quisition for want of evidence. Any persons who wit-nessed the fatal casualty are requested by Coroner quisition for want of evidence. Any persons who witnessed the fatal casualty are requested by Coroner (famble to call at his office, No. 6 Centre street, at 101 o'clock this morning. The deceased was 57 years of age, and a notive of Ireland.

ANOTHER CHILD FATALLY BURNED,-Coroner Gamble held an inquest, yesterday, at the house No. 248 East Eighteenth street on the body of John Golden, a child two years of age who died from the effects of burns. On Tuesday last, Bridget Golden, the mother, left the deceased and his sister, a little girl aged t left the deceased and his sister, a little gir aged 4 years in the room alone while she went down stairs to get a pail of water. During her absence the deceased got hold of a match, and igniting the same, set her clothes on fire. Before the flames could be extinguished the little sufferer was so terribly burned about his body that death ensued as stated. The Jury rendered a verdict of death by burns accidentally received by setting fire to his clothes with some matches Jan. 12, 1888. ...

VIOLATIONS OF VEHICLE ORDINANCES .- The Mayor's squad of police were on very active duty yesterday, and brought before the First Marshal over forty delinquents for violating the ordinances relating to vehicle. The parties complained of were fined a small sum, to impress them with the necessity of acting in conformity to the law. Should this movement be followed up, it will prevent much confusion in the streets and annoyance to citizens and travelers.

DESPREATE ATTEMPT AT MURDER WITH INTENT

To Ron.-A desperate attempt was made to commi robbery through the crime of murder, at the house of Bridge, Shepard & Waterman, importers and manufacturers of straw goods, &c., No. 16 Dey street, a little after 6 o'clock on the evening of Tuesday last. At the time referred to all had left the store for the night, except the bookkeeper and porter. The porter remaining up stairs in the main room of the store in the performance of his ordinary duties, the bookkeper went down into the basement which communicates with the vault under the side-walk, where the money and papers of the firm are kept in a safe, for the pur pose of putting away the books for the night. Though a few of the burners in the basement were lit, the light shone rather dimly in the neighborhood of the door that opens into the vault. The bookkeeper had just entered the vault with his books, when, suddenly, a large athletic looking man darkened the doorway of the vault, with a ponderous club in his uplifted hand, ready to let fall upon the bookkeeper. The latter, deeply startled by such an abrupt demonstration, and having no efficient weapon of defense immediately at hand, raised a large account book which he happened to have in his right hand, and caught upon it the whole force of the descending club. His right fore-finger was completely crushed by the blow. The desperado followed up his first with a second blow, which was also intercepted by the book, when the clerk commenced crying lustily for the porter, at which the as-sassin suddenly retreated through the door, and locking it and putting out the lights in the basement, secreted himself. The porter at once came rushing down stairs, not knowing what was the matter, and went to unlock the door of the vault, when the robber shot through the dark, up stairs, and unlocking the front door, made his escape. No trace of him has since been found, and from the suddenness of the onset, and the darkness in which it was made, the bookkeeper has no distinct idea of his appearance, beyond his immense size. The clerk having constant use for his crushed access to a great nersonal loser by this des-perate assault, as well as a deep sufferer. There was about \$1,500 in money in the safe in the vault, beside other papers, and the robber, whoever he was, was, undoubtedly, secreted in the basement, and familiar with the spartments of the house.

Wednesday evening as Mrs. Caroline E. Hughes, restdent at the Gramercy-Park House, was passing through East Fifteenth street, she was suddenly attacked by a rough looking fellow, who seized her by the throat and attempted to throw her upon the sidewalk. Being rather strong and a resolute woman, she combatted with the highwayman, and once or twice pushed him away from her. The bold fellow at length made a rush toward her, and at the same time jerked from her arm a small reticule secured by steel chain with which he attempted se escape. Mrs. Hughes cried "police," and the alarm was answered by Officer Grablestein, who hastened to her assistance. The thief was making off when the officer nabbed him and lugged him to the lock-up. The purse, containing \$7 in money, was found Described at the Jefferson Market Police Court and took a seat on the bench beside Justice Quackenbush. The subscribers are owners for this city and vicinity for W. E. Childs & Co.'s Patent Childs, with which they will cover new or old roofs in the most workmanlike manner, and warrant course would new or old roofs in the new two knames, and warrant course would new or old roofs in the new true. From which they will cover new or old roofs in the new two knames, and warrant course would new or old roofs in the new two knames, and warrant course would need to the court was very heavy, and such a course would need to the court was very heavy, and suc in his possession. Yesterday morning Mrs. Hughes appeared at the Jefferson Market Police Court and took Justice was, at the time, engaged in disposing of the night-watch returns, and the proceedings were noted by the lady with marked attention. The reprobate who had attempted to garrote her was at length brought up and testified against by Mrs. Hughes. For his "lofty deed and daring high" the magistrate sent the highwayman, who gave his name as Henry Watkins, to prison, refusing to take any bail.

A Lattle Girl Obtaining Goods by False Pre-TENSES .- A very respectable appearing girl, 15 years of age, was apprehended yesterday, charged with having obtained goods by means of talse and fraudulent representations. It seems that she has been for some time practicing this system of thieving, and it is impossible to make any calculation as to the amount of property she has so obtained. On Wednesday, Mary entered the fancy store of Mr. Duncanson, No. 674 Croadway, and representing that she was in the employ of Mrs. White, a customer of his, obtained a bottle of pomade and a bottle of perfume. She said that Mrs. White had sent her for the articles, and that she wanted the best. The proprietor believing the representations of the child, packed up the required articles and gave them to the girl. From some cause or other the proprietor entertained suspicions of the girl, and following her into the street saw her give the gods to another girl and enter another store, from which she soon after emerged with another package. Mr. Duncanson followed her about some time, untibecoming satisfied that the girl was a swindler, gave her into custody of Officer Wilson of the Fifteenth

Some time ago Mary obtained at various times \$24 worth of cake and confectionary from Mr. Weller of Broadway. It seems that her plan was to watch persons going in and out of stores and see who they were, and whether regular customers. Having obtained such information, she would visit the stores, obtain whatever articles she desired, and representing that she was in the employ of Mrs. So-and-so, who sent her on the errand, have the purchase charged. Nothing wrong was suspected, and nothing known of the matter until bills were rendered, when explanations were made, and the shopkeepers pocketed the loss. Mary has been arrested before, and twice sent to the Asy lum, from which she escaped. Justice Quackenbush before whom she was taken, committed her to prison for examination.

BURGLARIES AND CAPTURE OF THE THIEVES .- Officer Albertson of the Sixteenth Precinct yesterday arrested a fellow giving his name as Joseph Johnson harged with having burglariously entered the room of Mr. John Longstaff, at No. 142 Eighth avenue, and stolen therefrom gold and silver coin, a plain ring, and diamend ring, amounting in value to \$100 and upward. The officer caught the fellow upon the premises, and ipon searching him, found on his person a bunch of skeleton keys and a variety of burglarious implements. The accused was taken before Justice Quackenbush and committed to prison for trial, in default of \$2,000 lgal. Johnson is Tyears of age, a native of New-York, and a cabinet-maker by trade.

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At an early hour yesterday morning, Officer John Brewn of the Ninth Precinct Police, while passing the corner of Fourth and Troy streets, saw three ampicious locking persons with bundles under their acms,

and upon approaching them they three down their lead and attempted to see age. The officer paramet, and caught one of the persons, named Stophen Royte, and found upon his person \$3 in copper sons. The follow was taken to the Station-Home and locked up. It was subsequently ascertained that the bakery and dwelling of John Ray had been burglariously entered and \$45 in pennies stolen therefrom. The accured was taken before Justice Quackenbush and committed for trial. Boyle is 20 years of age, a native of New York, lives in Seventeenth street, and is a stair-builder by trade. He said that the property was given to him by two persons to carry for them, and that he knew nothing about it.

Boyle is one of the young men who some time age are suited and nearly killed Officer Moralins on the corper of Greenwich and Sixth avenues. He made him the Read of the time. Officer Moralins identified him.

him Orlicer Rockwell of the Fifteenth Precinct Police Officer Rockwell of the Fifteenth Precinct Police, while passing through Moreer street at 34 o'clock yesterday morning, saw a man leading a horse through the street, and stopping him questioned him as to where he was going, when the fellow told such contradictory statements that the officer, believing him to be third, took him into custody. It was subsequently ascertained that the fellow, who gave his name as John G. Smith, had burglariously entered a stable belonging to Mrs. Bridget Burke, in Twenty-third street, and stelen therefrom the horse in question. Justice Queckenbush sent Smith to Prison.

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A fellow, named William Devlin, was arrested year terday morning charged with having, a few weeks ago, burglariously entered the butcher-shop, corner of Sixth avenue and Nineteenth street, and stolen therefrom, tarkies, game, fat, and other articles to the value of \$50. Devlin, when taken to the Station-House, stated that ha, in company with Michael Roach and Maughlin, broke open the place and stole the property. Justice Quackenbush locked him up for trial. Roach is now confined in the Tombs awaiting trial on another felonious charge.

ARREST OF A DISHONEST PORTER AND THREE RE-CHIVERS OF STOLES GOODS .- On the might of the 11th inst., the hardware store of Robert S. Stenson, No. 229 Pearl street, was burglariously entered, and the following property stolen and carried away: Six silver napkin rings, 28 silver spoons, and other silver ware. valued at \$130; eight certificates of stock of a Mining ued at \$130; eight certificates of stock of a Mining Company, valued at \$350; one rifle, \$30; two pair of boots, \$8; sundry razors and other articles, \$10; all of the value of \$578. The store was locked up at the usual time on Monday evening, and the next morning Mr. Stenson discovered that his iron safe had been forced open, and the silver ware and stock above mentioned stolen therefrom, the boots and rifle having been taken from the store. Information of the fact was communicated to Sergeant Berney of the Second Precinet, who, in the course of his investigation, discovered an old pair of stockings in the store. It was subsequently ascertained that the stockings belonged to an old colored man named Joseph Henry Remsen, who occasionally had been employed in the store. From the fact of his absence from the store, suspicion fell upon Reinsen, and the officers proceeded to his residence in Williamsburgh, where he found, upon searching the house, the certificates of mining stock. Remsen confessed that on Monday afterneon he concealed himself in the cellar of the store found, upon searching the house, the certificates of mining stock. Remsen confessed that on Monday afterneon he concealed himself in the cellar of the store until after it was closed for the day. He then went from the cellar to the store, through the hatchway, and opened the safe with an iron bar, and then stole the property above mentioned. The old fellow, having fied up his plunder, removed it to the cellar, and, taking down the inside bar, escaped to the street without detection. This was about 8 o'clock in the evening. Remsen then went to an alloy-way in Baxter street, where he staid all night. In the morning he repaired to the second-hand clothing store of Friedman & Bigerman, No. 38 Baxter street, and sold them the boots for seven shillings. The said men also bought the silver ware for the sum of twenty shillings, telling Remsen that it was German silver. The rifle he sold to Thomas Carany for twenty shillings. The officer, upon searching the premises, found the rifle and boots, but was unable to find the silver ware—the alleged receivers having probably melted it

Remsen, Friedman & Bigerman and Carany were arrested and taken before Justice Connolly, who committed them to prison for examin tion.

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August of A. Brack an AND Become of Assars. Stentor & Son STOLEN PROFILITY.—The premises of Mesars, Stentor & Son, corner of Pearl and Platt streets, was burglariously entered on Monday night and robbed of \$4.50 worth of silver-ware and cutlerty; also 7,000 shares of Pioneer Mills and Mining Co. Stock. Weamenday Officers Borney, Biack, Blackwell and Dubois, of the Second Ward, succeeded in arresting two colored men named Morris Council and Joseph Henry Remsan on a charge of committing the robbery. A part of the stolen property was recovered. Abrahm Ferdorend and Mark Bigelow were also arrested as receivers of the stolen property. They had bought the \$150 worth of silver-ware, &c., for \$2.50.

FESTIVITIES.—Mr. Thomas C. Steers, the gentlemanly and efficient Treaurer of Purry's National Theorems of Purry's National Theorems and the state of the state of the transfer to MGHI, and presents a bill of entertainments rarely equaled in one programme. The feativities of the evening will commence with that laughter-provoking comedy of the Spectrus Baider and Dickory. This will be followed (for the last night but one) by the massilicent pautomime of Bourss—Mr. Fox, Miss Hathaway, the Carlo Fandly and compeny appearing; to be followed by the drama of the Jibalantovan —31. J. H. Alien, Mrs. H. F. Nichols, Mr. G. L. Fox and the company appearing in a also and concluding with the moral drams of Jack Sheftarako, with three "Jacks," one act to seek Mrs. H. F. Nichols, Miss Hathaway and Miss Julia Daly; Mr. Fox as Bineskin, These later-spersed with Songs and Pancea. On Monday next Mr. F. S. Chantarat will appear in his new local drams of Linux, and the comedy of The Widow's Viction.

FOR THE COMPLEXION.—Of all the compounds FOR THE COMPLEMON.—Of all the compounds we have yet seen prepared as a cosmetic for the skin, there is none that has a higher reputation, nor one that is so popular with the ladies as the far famed KALLISTON. It is activating prepared, and is a perfiame as well as toilet wash. It will, with a few applications, remove tan, friekles, sunburn, and all cutaneous cruptions. It is extensively used for those purposes, and ladies who apply it can exercise in the open airsa freely as they beaks, and experience an inconvenience from rough or intated skin. Joseph Burneys & Co. are the proprietors.

For sale be dealers generally. Price 50c. and \$1\$ per bottle. See advertisement in another column.

To Nervous Sufferens.—A retired elergyman, restored to health in a few days, after many years of great ner-yous suffering, is anxious to make known the means of cure. Will send free the prescription used. Direct the Rev. Jour M. Dagnall, No. 106 Fulton-st., Brooklyn.

## BROOKLYN ITEMS.

The Rev. Dr. Storrs will lecture at the Athenseum on Monday night, on " The Puritan Ideas of National Growth." The proceeds will be given to the Mercantile Library Fund.

ANOTHER VETIRAN GONE .- Mr. Nathan Furman, of No. 39 Nevins street, Brooklyn, one of the Veterau Corps of Kings County, under the command of Col. T. Hardenbrook, who was stationed at Fort Green during the war of #812, to prevent the British from landing on Long Island, died very suddenly at his residence, on Tuesday evening, at the age of 76 years, He was sitting in his arm-chair, and died without a groun, in the presence of his daughter, who was sewing at the time, and wholly ignorant of his demise. His remains were interred yesterday afternoon, and were followed to their last resting place by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Police.—James Rogers, arrested yesterday for stealing four pairs of shoes from a store in Atlantic street, was convicted by Justice Cornwell, and sen-tenced to the Penitentiary for six months. Upon be-ing searched, a loaded revolver was found in his pocket, which induced the Justice to send him up for

pocket, which induced the bush the longest term.

Bridget Muldoen was brought before the same JusBridget Muldoen was brought of stealing a cost. It the yesterday, on the charge of stealing a coat. It was ascertained that she had stolen a number of coats at different times, in the pockets of one of which, found upon her person, was a heavy gold ring. She

was held for a hearing.

Chas. Mitchell was brought before Justice Voorhies for bastardy, and, after conviction, agreed to marry the complainant. The ceremony being performed, he went one way and the woman another.

CONSTITUTE ON THE CHARGE OF BIGAMT.—The examination of William D. Mansfield and Amelia X. his wife was concluded before Justice Voorhies yesterday. The female defendant, it appears, married a man named Daniel H. Carnes some years since, and in ISCS was married to Man field, her first husband being still alive. The complaint was made by Carnes, and both marriages being proved, the defendants were held in \$500 bail to await the action of the Grand July. Wm. Johnson, of No. 270 South Third street, went their security.

## LAW INTELLIGENCE

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Jan. 14.—Before fedges
IN THE MATTER OF THE HAUKAS CORPUS TO BELING SE
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Testimony was taken to rebut the affidavits of Dru-Lansing and Brown, published on Wednesday.

The following is the evi-cace:

Ann M. Lucas, the Matrou of the Kings County-Lucation Asylum, was sworn—She testified that Dr. Lansing was the resident physician of the Asylum, and Dr. Younghams the assistant physician, witness knew Louisa Wolfsohn, who had been in the Asylum just six weeks, during which time she had been employed in knitting and sewing, and frequently transialing from books for the doctor; in witness to prisoner was perfectly same, and she, witness, had seen no single act indicating different from sanity; the treature to of Younghaus toward the prisoner had been very severe; he told witness that in case she did not obey, he would alter the treatment and blister her; Dr. Lansing was present at some of these interviews; he made these statements to witness after he had visiting the statement of these interviews; he made these statements to witness after he had visiting the statement of these interviews; Dr. Lansing was present at some of these interviews; be made these statements to witness after he had visited the prisoner's father; Dr. Younghaus toid witness to take away the prisoner's silk dress and make her wear cabeo, and also forbade her going into witnesses recem as had been her habit; Dr. Younghaus visited her father, who considered the prisoner insans, and the Dr. said she was very crazy; witness replied that she must be crary herself, then; Dr. Lansing spoke to witness about taking away her dresses; witness declined; witness first and her at the Blooming-dale Asylum; Dr. Lansing told witness that her friende put her in the Asylum because they wished to cut down her pride; Dr. Younghaus at that time had ne particular treatment for her; she was actually under the treatment of Dr. Lansing; both doctors visited her; Dr. Younghaus did not threaten the blistering in the presence of Dr. Lansing; Dr. Younghaus always spoke in German to her, and treated her indifferently; Dr. Lansing's manner was kind to her, and not caloulated to intitate her.

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complied with.

East River Building and Mutual Lean Association
agt. Jane Smith impleaded, &c.—Motion for Receiver,
denied with \$10 costs.

Before Judge Settmanasse.

In the matter of the assignment of James G. Garner.—Referred to E. P. Cowles, esq., to take

proofs, &c. Before Judge Davies.

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THE ELECTION RIGHT IN THE ELECTION WARD,
This afternoon Gen. Nye, obtained three writs of certiorari, and three writs of habeas corpus, for the purpose of bringing up the three Policemea charged with the murder of Patrick Vaughan at the election riot in the Eleventh Ward in December last, with a view of obtaining their release on ball without a preliminary examination. The officers—Peter Duffy, Wm. L. Miller and Oscar Van Tassel—were arrested on Tuesday, upon warrants issued by Justice Coanolly, based upon the affidavits of the widow of the deceased and nine other persons, accusing the officers of teking the life of Vaughan without provocation. The examination of the witnesses was set down for its o'clock, and shortly afterward the writs were served. Shortly before 3 o'clock the parties appeared is Court before Judge Ingraham, and Mr. Sedgwick read the return of Justice Connolly, which set forth in substance that Elizabeth Vaughan, widow of the deceased, appeared before him on the 28th of Dec., 1857, and made her complaint under oath and affidadivit against the accused, charging them with willfully and feloniously causing the death of her husband; that he proceeded to hear the witnesses under oath for the complainant; that thereupon he issued the council of the complainant; that thereupon the defendants brought before him; that thereupon the defendants demanded an examination, which was stopped by the service of the writs.

Mr. Nye, after stating the facts of the case, proceeded to urge that it was useless for a long examination to be gone into. It would not in any way subserve or facilitate the ends of justice. The men were present, and ready to give bail, which he hoped the Judge would allow them to do, as it was the most desirable way. The worst they could make of this charge would not be of a higher degree than manshaughter, and he believed it to be justifiable howering the proceeding the proceeding the proceeding that the pro

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Mr. Sedgwick, for the people, stated that there were yet seven witnesses to be examined before the committing magistrate, and he maintained that the proper course would be to let all this testimony be given, and afterward the counsel on the other side could procure his writ of certiforari to review the proceedings had before the magistrate.

Judge Ingraham remarked that he understood the accused were still held under an examination for the crime of murder. It was impossible for him to pass upon the question of bail until the prosecution had got through with their case, especially in the case of murder.

Mr. Nye expressed his willingness to have Judge Ingraham hear the remainder of the testimony. Mr. Sedgwick said he would have no objection to such a course.

The Judge said it would not be worth while for him

be taken back to the Justice.

Mr. Sedgwick said he had no objection to go on with the case before Judge Ingraham. He thought that it had better go before the magistrate again, and at the conclusion of the testimony the counsel on the other side could bring it up for review.

The Judge innelly decided that the better course would be to send the case back to the magistrate to take the testimony, and afterward an application could be made for a new allowance of writs. He then ordered the writs to be discharged and the accused remanded to their former custodians. UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT-JAN. 17 .- Before July

The Congress Rubber Co. agt. Grower & Muserava.
This is a suit at law for unmages for alleged intringment of the Patents of this Co., against Mesers. Grower & Muserave, who are importers in this city, and charged with importing foreign goods, made in violation of the Patents of the Congress Rubber Company.
The defendants moved to be discharged upon tiling common bail, which motion was denied, and they were held to bail in the sum of \$4,000. Seward for plaintiffs; Gifford for defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Jan. 14.—Bofore Justice WOODRUTT and a Jury.
The City Bank of New Haven agt. Simion Perkins.
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The action was brought to recover \$30,000, the action was brought to recover \$30,000, the defendant.

The City Bank of New-Haven in 1851, made a loss

The City Bank of New-Haven in 1801, made a load of \$50,000 to the Cashier of the Bank of Akron in Ohio, in small bills of the City Bank, to be circulated in Ohio, the Cashier agreeing to protect the circulation and redeem the bills as fast as returned. As ecurity for the loan he agreed that \$60,000 of the collection paper of the Bank of Akron, which might, at any time thereafter be in the American Exchange Bank, should be held by that bank as collateral secu-

Bark, should be held by that bank as collateral security for the loan.

The loan continued for some three years, and until November, 1854, when the President of the City Bank, hearing rumors against the Akron Bank, took possession of \$60,000 collection paper which then happened to be in the American Evchange Bank, and upon a portion of that paper the suit was brought. Upon the seizure of this paper the Bank of Akron failed, and its assets, by its charter, passed to the State Bank of Ohio. A suit by the State Bank of Ohio. A suit by the State Bank to recover of the desiendant upon the same bills is pending in Ohio.

The detendant's counsel claimed that the piedge of the bills in the American Exchange Bank was aboat the conflicer except the Cashier, until they were seized; that the oan from the City Bank was a loan to the Cashier, individually, for which he gave his individual note, indorsed by him as Cashior, and that he received the City Bank notes and used them for his individual speculations, without right or authority, and that by the charter he had no power to make the pledge; that his agreement to piedge bills to be received at a future time gave no title; that by the law of the State of Ohio, contracts for the circulation of foreign bank notes were void, of which haw the plainfiff was bound to take notice.

The trial continued three days. A formal verdict for \$30,000 was directed for the plaintiff. Judgment suspended and the questions of law to be heard in the first instance at General Term.

Messre, Bonney and Nojes for plaintiff: Messre, Stanky and Evarts for delendant.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-TRIAL Trav-Jan. II -

A BREACH OF PROMISE CANS.

Enter Looped, by her west friend, Heyman Looped, agt. Marris Merchant Looped, agt. Marris decided was brought to recover \$19,000 for